

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7837–S7889

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1655–1660, and S. Res. 288. **Page S7876**

Measures Reported:

S. 1344, to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–117)

S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–118)

S. 1499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the “Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office”.

S. 1512, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”. **Page S7876**

Measures Passed:

Helping Homeless Veterans Act: Senate passed S. 287, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve assistance to homeless veterans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, the committee reported title amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hirono (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2023, relative to extension of authority for program of referral and counseling services for veterans at risk of homelessness who are transitioning from certain institutions. **Page S7887**

Condemning the Terrorist Attack at the Mall in Kenya: Senate agreed to S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya. **Pages S7889–90**

Measures Considered:

Employment Non-Discrimination Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Reid (for Portman) Amendment No. 2012, to promote fairness and equal opportunity in the workplace consistent with the fundamental right of religious freedom. **Page S7841**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2014 (to the language proposed to be stricken by the committee substitute), to change the enactment date. **Page S7841**

Reid Amendment No. 2015 (to Amendment No. 2014), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7841**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith, Reid Amendment No. 2016, to change the enactment date. **Page S7841**

Reid Amendment No. 2017 (to (the instructions of the motion to recommit) Amendment No. 2016), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7841**

Reid Amendment No. 2018 (to Amendment No. 2017), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7841**

Reid (for Toomey/Flake) Amendment No. 2013, to strike the appropriate balance between protecting workers and protecting religious freedom. **Page S7841**

Collins (for Reid) Amendment No. 2020 (to Amendment No. 2013), to change the enactment date. **Page S7846**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, November 6, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Toomey/Flake) Amendment No. 2013 (listed above) on Thursday, November 7, 2013. **Page S7889**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, November 7, 2013, the motion to recommit and the pending amendments to the underlying bill be withdrawn; that Collins (for Reid) Amendment No. 2020 (listed above) be withdrawn; that no further amendments, motions to recommit or points of order be in order; that the Senate then vote on or in relation to Reid (for Toomey/Flake) Amendment No. 2013 (listed above); that the amendment be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that upon disposition of the amendment, the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to; that the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, as amended; that if cloture is invoked, the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 2 p.m., all post-cloture time be yielded back, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and, if cloture is not invoked, the Majority Leader be recognized.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2013, under the previous order; and that the first-degree filing deadline be 10:30 a.m. and the second-degree filing deadline be 11:30 a.m.

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Drug Quality and Security Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3204, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7889.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICA COMPETES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the “America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act” (America COMPETES), focusing on science and the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Senator Alexander; Saul Perlmutter, Senior Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Kelvin K. Droegemeier, University of Oklahoma, Norman, on behalf of the National Science Board; Maria Klawe, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California; and Stephen S. Tang, University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance exchanges, focusing on an update from the Administration, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, who was introduced by Senator Isakson, and Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1611, to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the “Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office”;

S. 1512, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”; and

The nominations of William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Sandy one year later, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; John Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense; Kathleen S. Tighe, Chairman, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; and Caswell F. Holloway, City of New York Deputy Mayor for Operations, New York, New York.

BUREAU OF PRISONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons and cost-effective strategies for reducing recidivism, after receiving testimony from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; John E. Wetzel, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Secretary, Harrisburg; Kentucky Representative John Tilley, Kentucky House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Chairman, Hopkinsville; Nancy G. La Vigne, Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Matt DeLisi, Iowa State University, Ames; and Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, Keswick Advisors, LLC, Richmond, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Christopher Reid Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., and Edward G. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who were both introduced by Senator Toomey, and M. Douglas Harpool, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, and Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation, focusing on independence for seniors, after receiving testimony from Grant Baldwin, Director, Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Therese W. McMillan, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Virginia Dize, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Washington, D.C.; and Katherine Freund, ITNAmerica, Westbrook, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 62.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on essential elements to provide affordable options for housing, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine patent assertion entities, focusing on demand letters and consumer protection, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Draft Regional Recommendation regarding the Columbia River Treaty, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, and Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, all of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine rules delayed on auto safety and mental health, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, November 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 815, Employment Non-Discrimination Act. At 11:45 a.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Reid (for Toomey/Flake) Amendment No. 2013 to the bill, and the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. If cloture is invoked, Senate will then vote on passage of the bill, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The first-degree filing deadline for amendments to S. 815 is at 10:30 a.m., and the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill is at 11:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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